

engineering, design and the criteria, are, in fact, necessary. As I said, I can remember for years every community along the Platte River dumped their solid waste into the Platte River. It wasn't very desirable but I do not know of any problems that resulted from that. I am sure I am going to be considered a heretic for bringing that up, but I recall when South Omaha had a balefill, and editorial after editorial defended that balefill. Senator Venditte protested loud and long but he was spoken of very disparagingly as being a troublemaker, and...

PRESIDENT MOUL: One minute.

SENATOR SCHMIT: ...so it was kind of interesting that at that time you could build, you could burn, or bury bales in South Omaha without being any threat to the public, and today we almost have to have a...when we start talking about a sanitary landfill, we really mean sanitary. I was out to York last week and I saw, for the benefit of Scotty Moore and Rod Johnson, the York rubble site, downtown York. I don't know (laughter) whether or not that is covered under this proposal, but I'd be interested in someone commenting upon the rubble dump site in downtown Village of York, and many other similar facilities that exist around the State of Nebraska, how we are going to handle them, how we are going to clean it up, and who pays. Again, I am not critical at all of Senator Morrissey. I think he has become, whether he wanted to or not, the solid waste expert of the State of Nebraska, and he is Chairman of the Save Our Dump Committee,...

PRESIDENT MOUL: Time.

SENATOR SCHMIT: ...all at one time, but I think that we need to find out what it is going to cost us and who is going to pay, and then we will proceed from there.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Schmit. Senator Morrissey.

SENATOR MORRISSEY: Thank you, Madam President and members. Senator Schmit raises some good questions. First of all, the costs are driven by the federal mandate, as Senator Schmit stated. If we do nothing, we are just going to rely upon the people out there to figure their own way through this mess. If we follow the recommendations of the Citizens Advisory Committee through the input of the citizens across the entire state, we will adopt LB 1257 and look at ways to provide new disposal